



# Recommendations for State Convention

The Exploration Committee



# History

- Board members became concerned about the low attendance at the convention and lower number of members
- It was decided at the last meeting to create a committee to explore ways to increase the attendees at convention and to increase the membership
- The committee volunteers consists of Wendy Lange, Melody Wicks, Kelsi Ramos, Annie Wilson, and Nina Menard, Chair.
- This first presentation is focused on the State Convention and Banquet.
- Possible future topics could include membership, youth



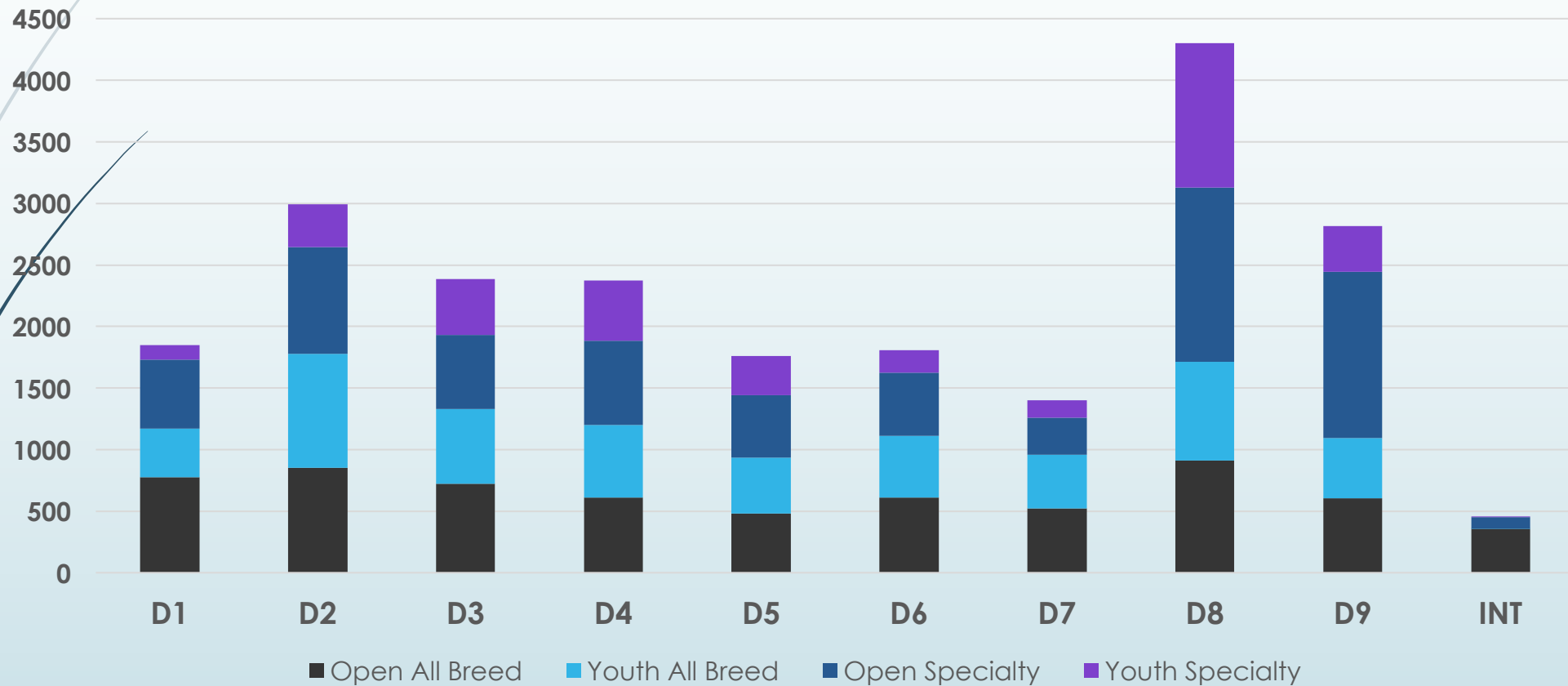
# Process

- ▶ Research State and National Trends on:
  - ▶ Number of open/youth/specialty shows
  - ▶ Number of rabbits/cavies entered in the open/youth/specialty shows
- ▶ Survey of 20 questions:
  - ▶ Anonymous
  - ▶ Looking at trends
  - ▶ Members and Non-Members included

# National Perspective

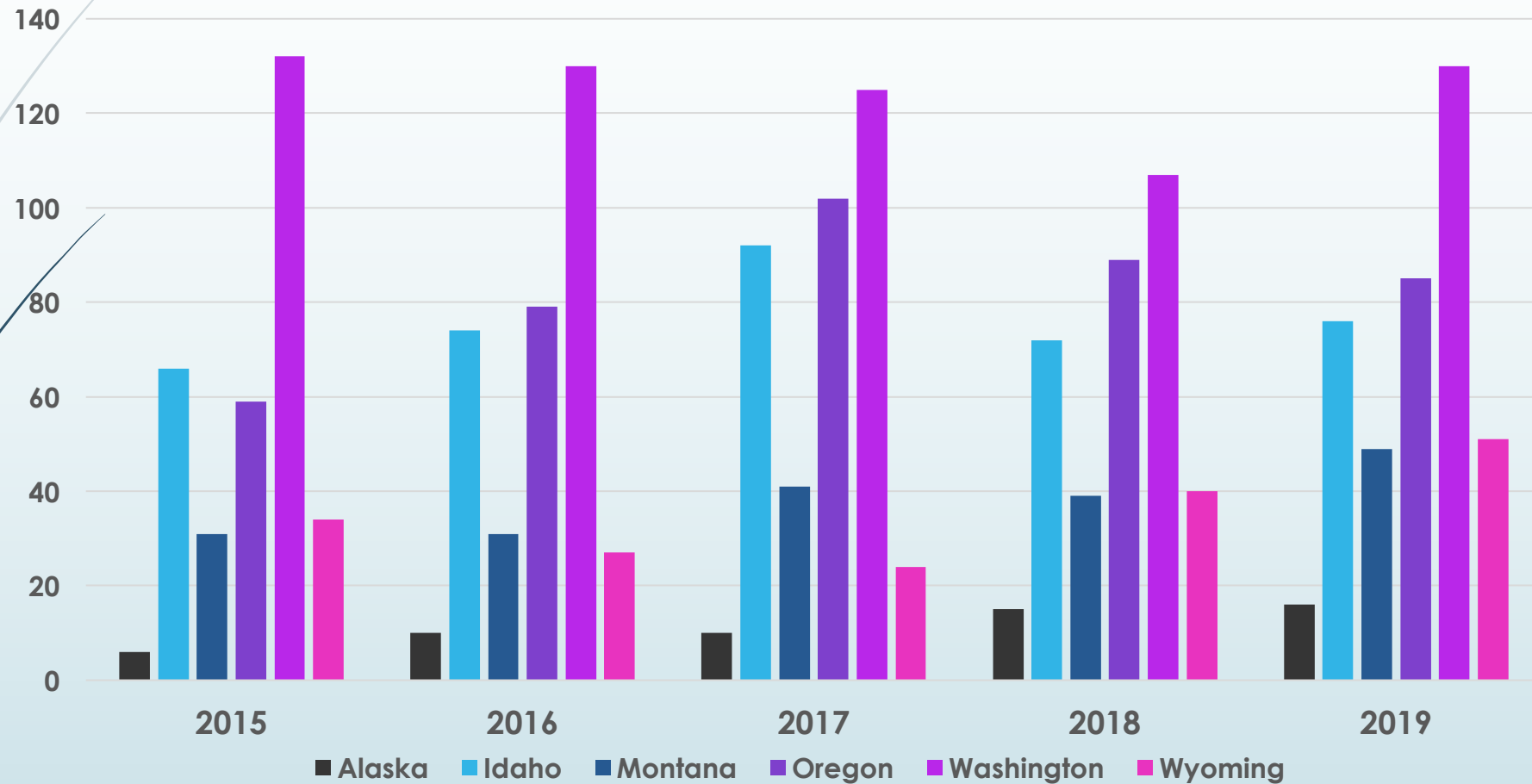
➔ **ARBA Sanctions - over 5500 shows/year - AMAZING**

ARBA Sanctioned Shows (2015-2019)



# District 1 Perspective

## Number of Shows - District 1





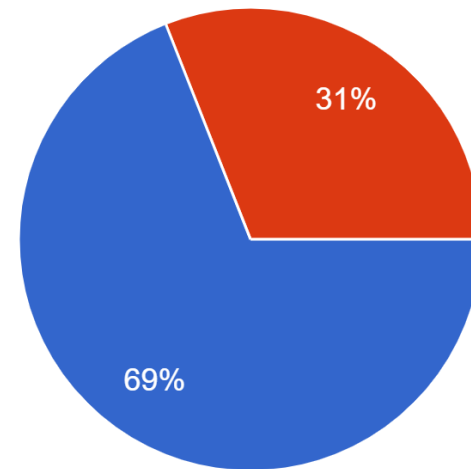
# Survey Results

- ▶ What surveys do and what they don't do
  - ▶ Good at presenting trends
  - ▶ Good at collecting data from a wide geographic area
  - ▶ Informs decisions, but should not be the only data point to make a decision
  - ▶ Bias can be introduced when topics are controversial
- ▶ Presented in the following categories
  - ▶ General
  - ▶ Convention Related
  - ▶ Judges
  - ▶ Banquets
  - ▶ Cavies
  - ▶ Awards
  - ▶ Volunteers

# Survey Results General

Are you a WSRBA member?

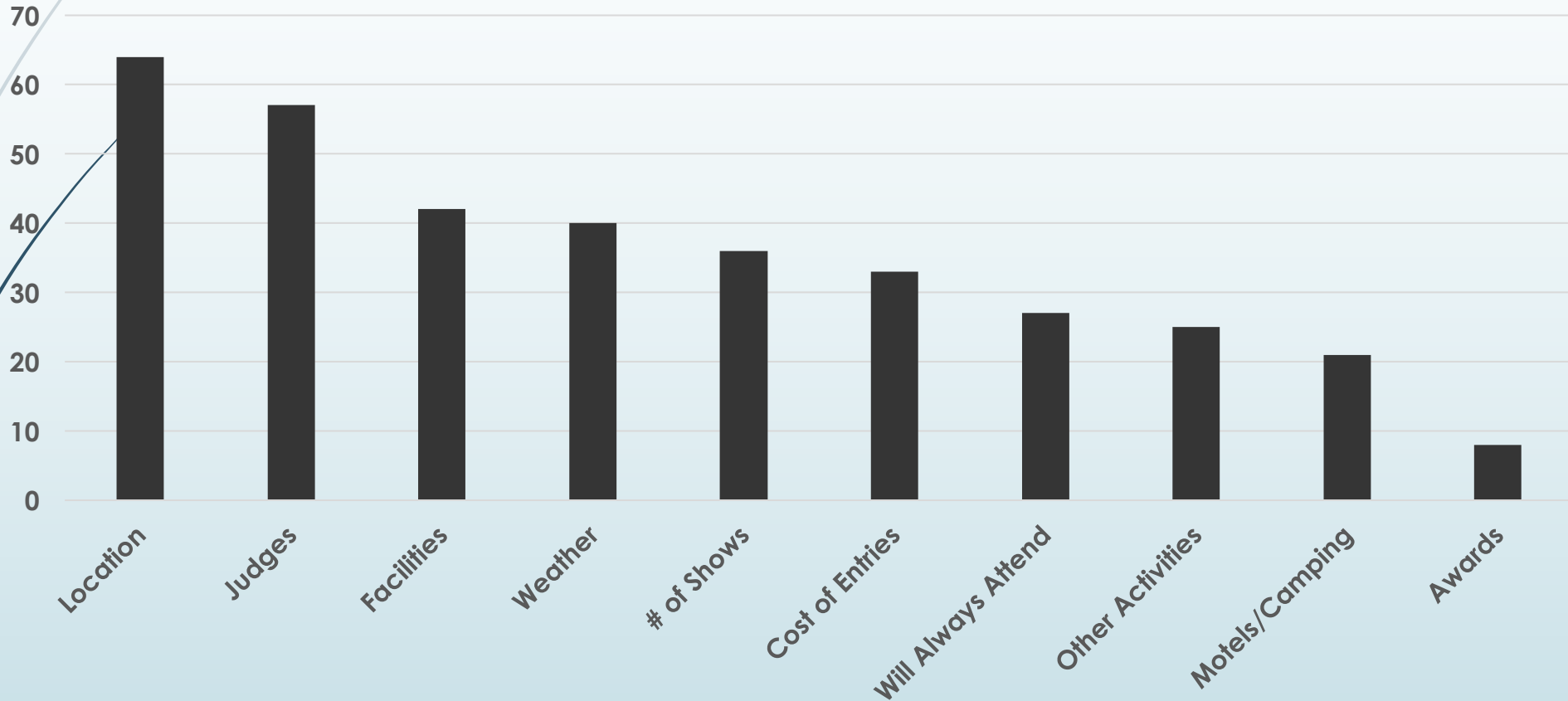
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● Yes  
● No

# Survey Results Convention

What is important to you when deciding whether or not to attend WSRBA Convention?

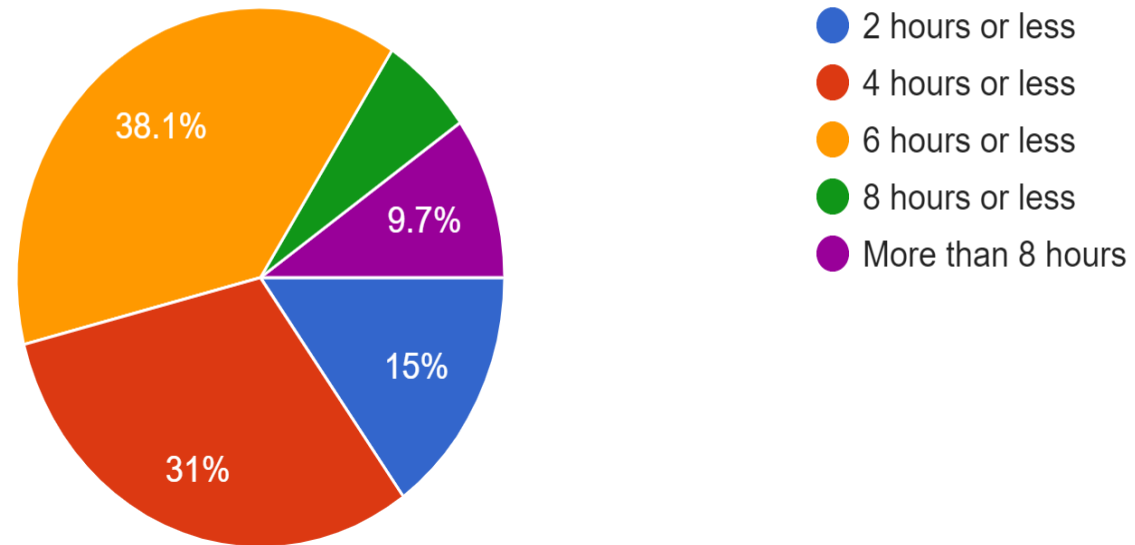




# Survey Results Convention

How long would you be willing to drive to attend WSRBA Convention?

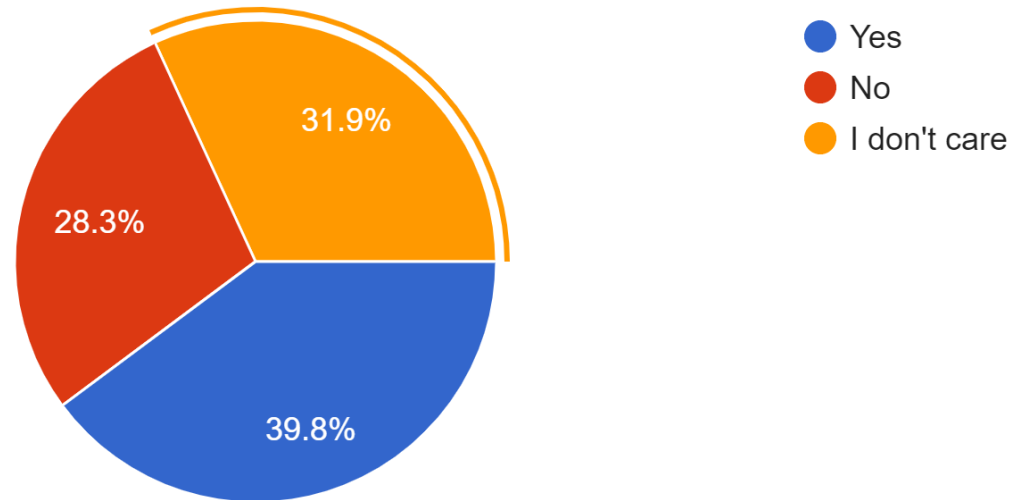
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# Survey Results Convention

Would you prefer that WSRBA Convention be rotated annually to various locations around the state?

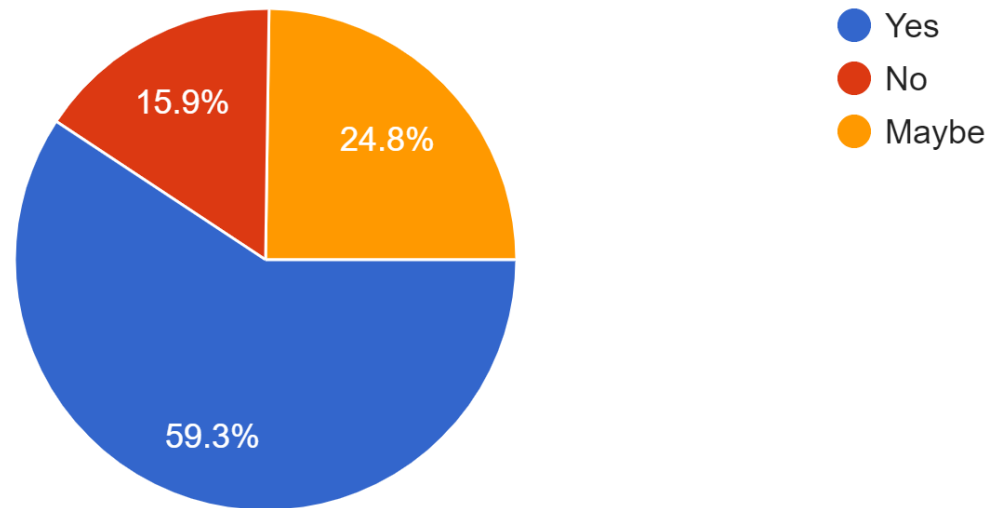
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If the Convention location was rotated, would you be willing to travel to the opposite side of the state to attend WSRBA Convention?

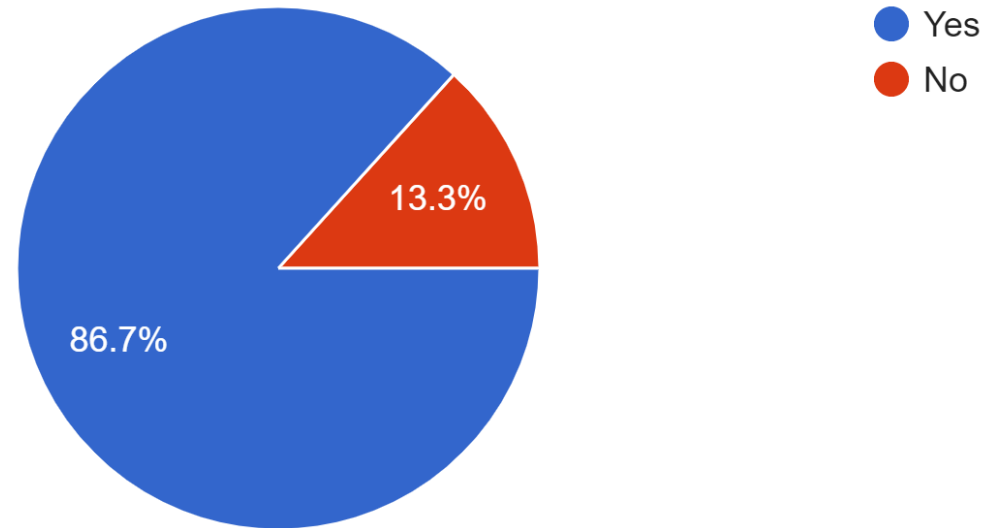
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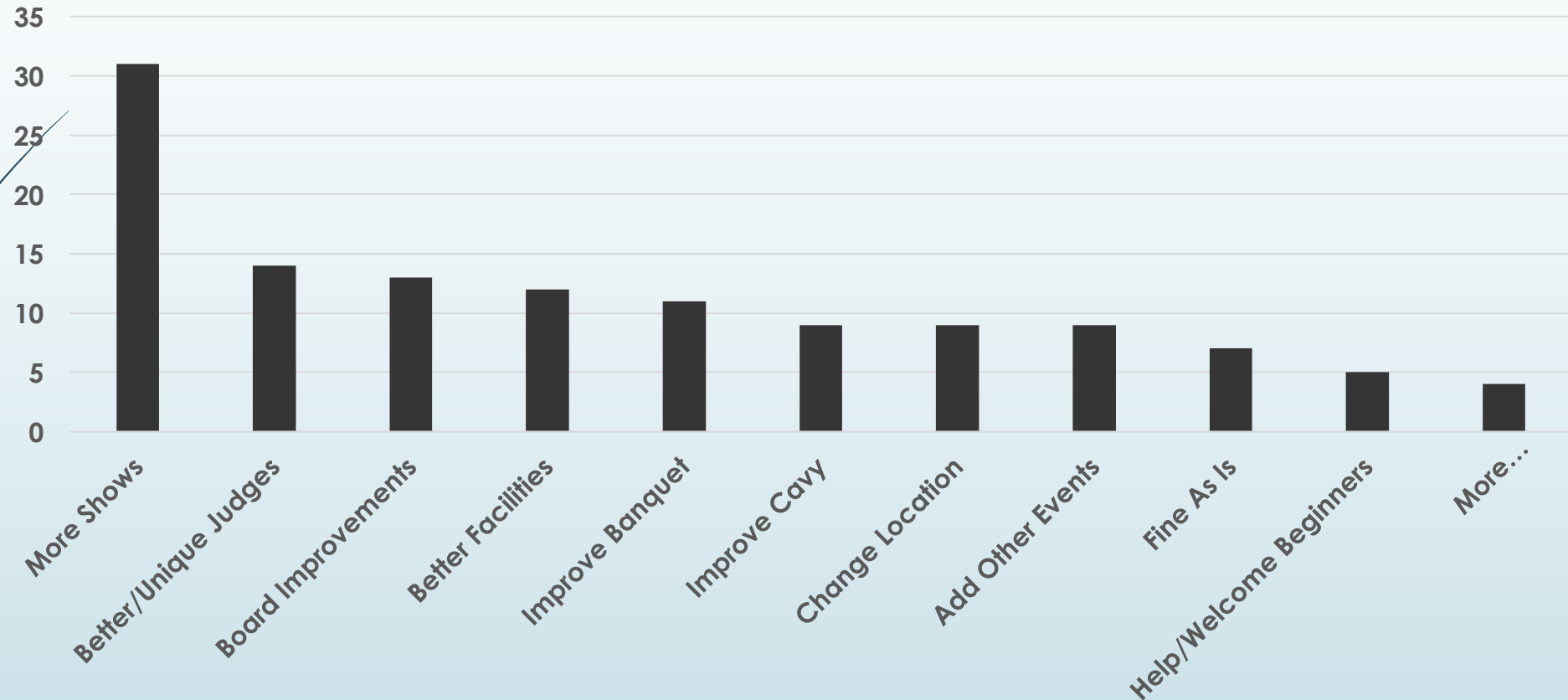
Do you regularly attend WSRBA Convention?

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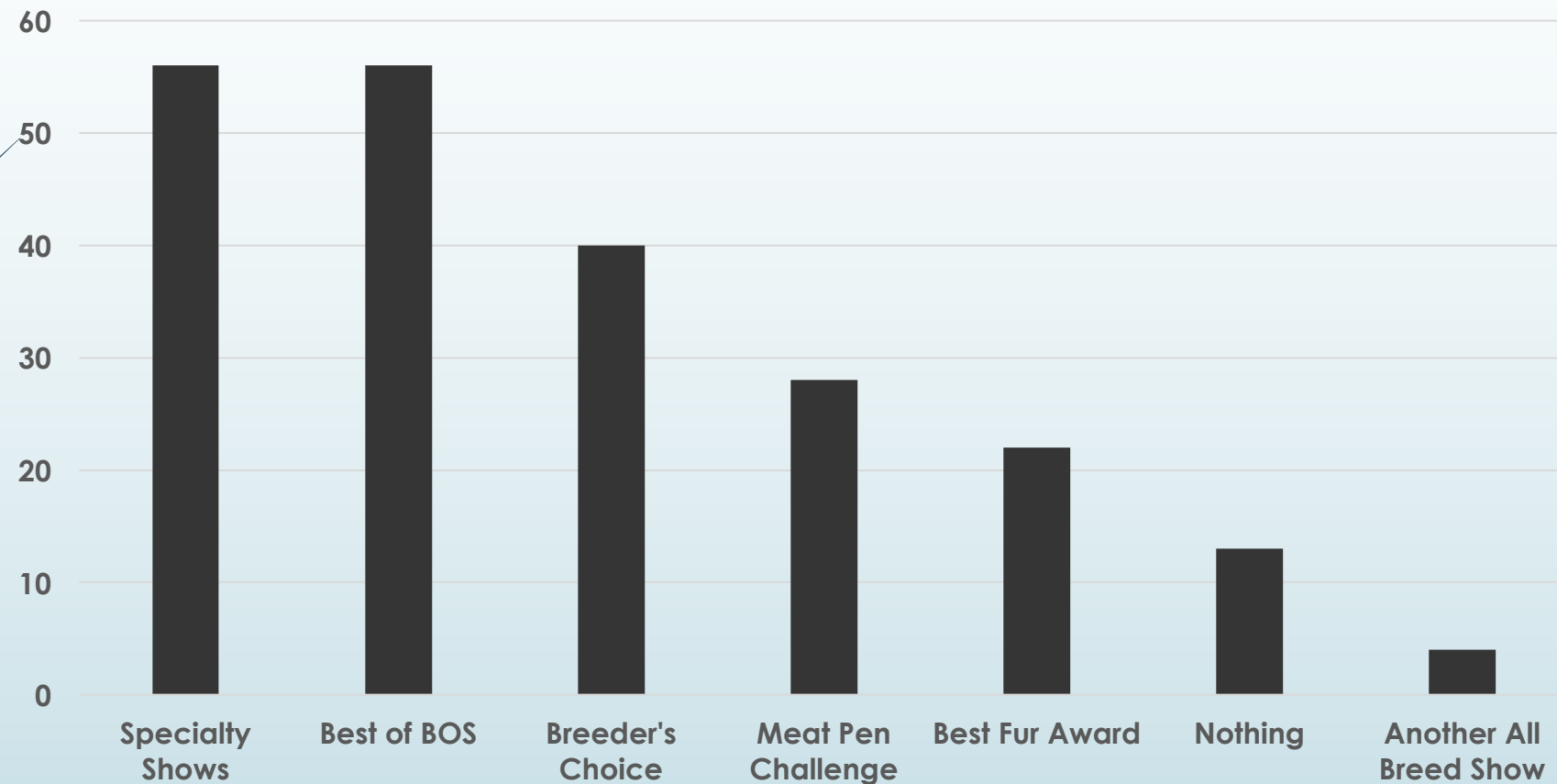
# Survey Results Convention

What improvements could be made to Convention?



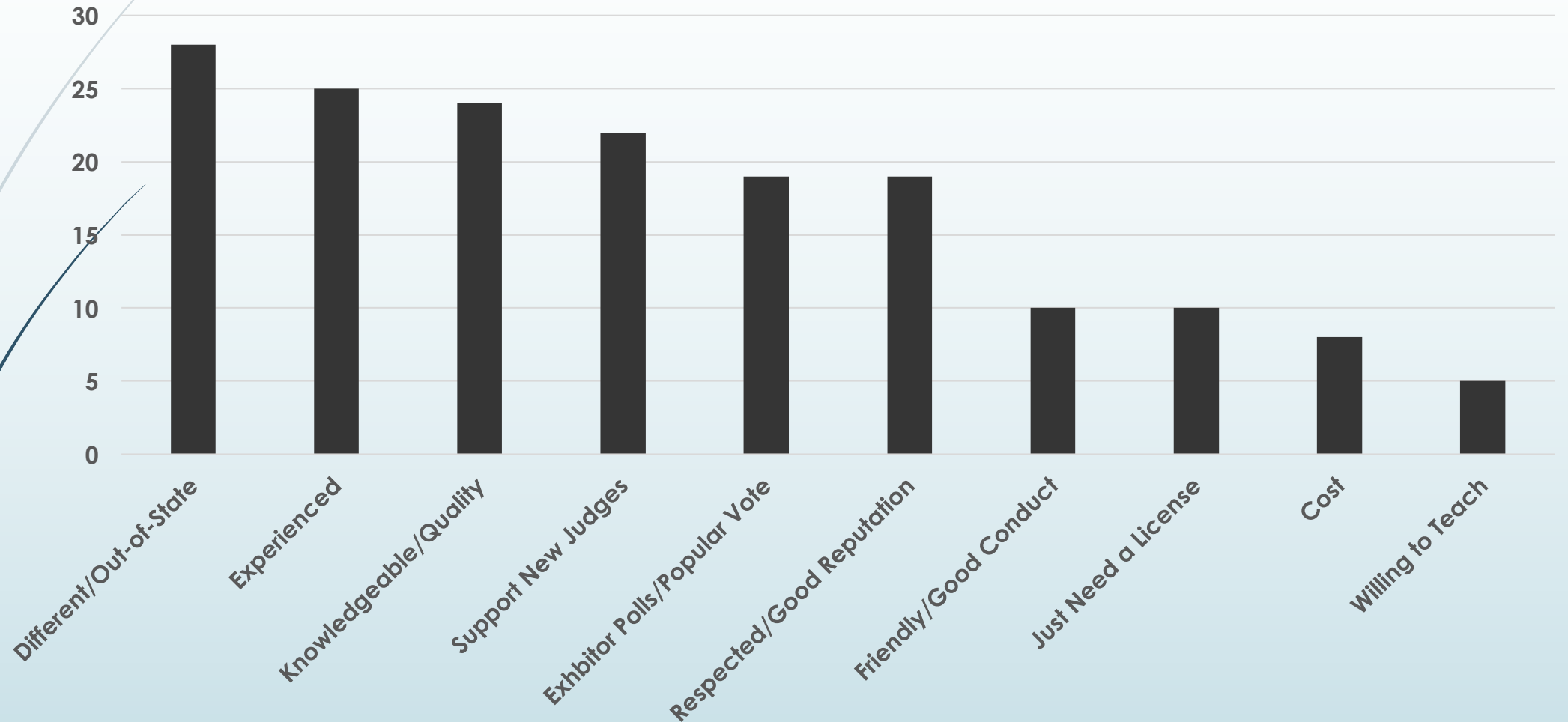
# Survey Results Convention

What would you like to see added to Convention?



# Survey Results

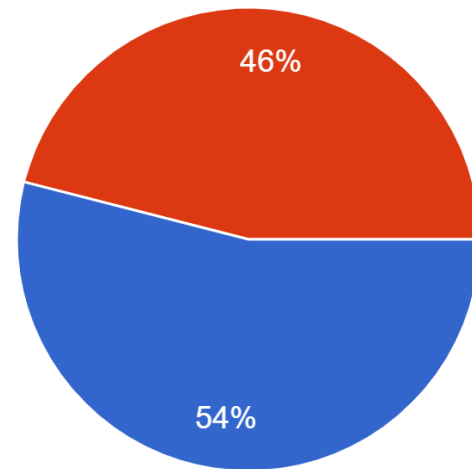
What criteria do you think WSRBA should use to choose quality judges for Convention?



# Survey Results Judges

Do you attend the judges' conference?

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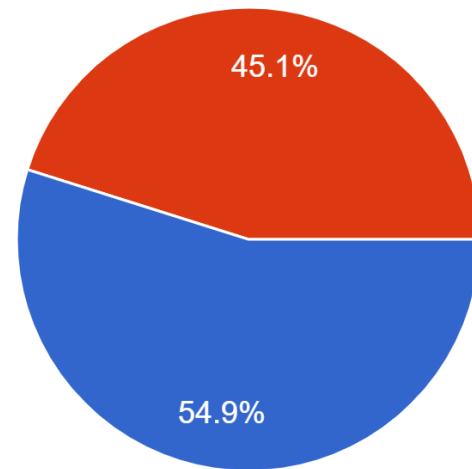
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# Survey Results Banquet

Do you attend the Saturday night banquet?

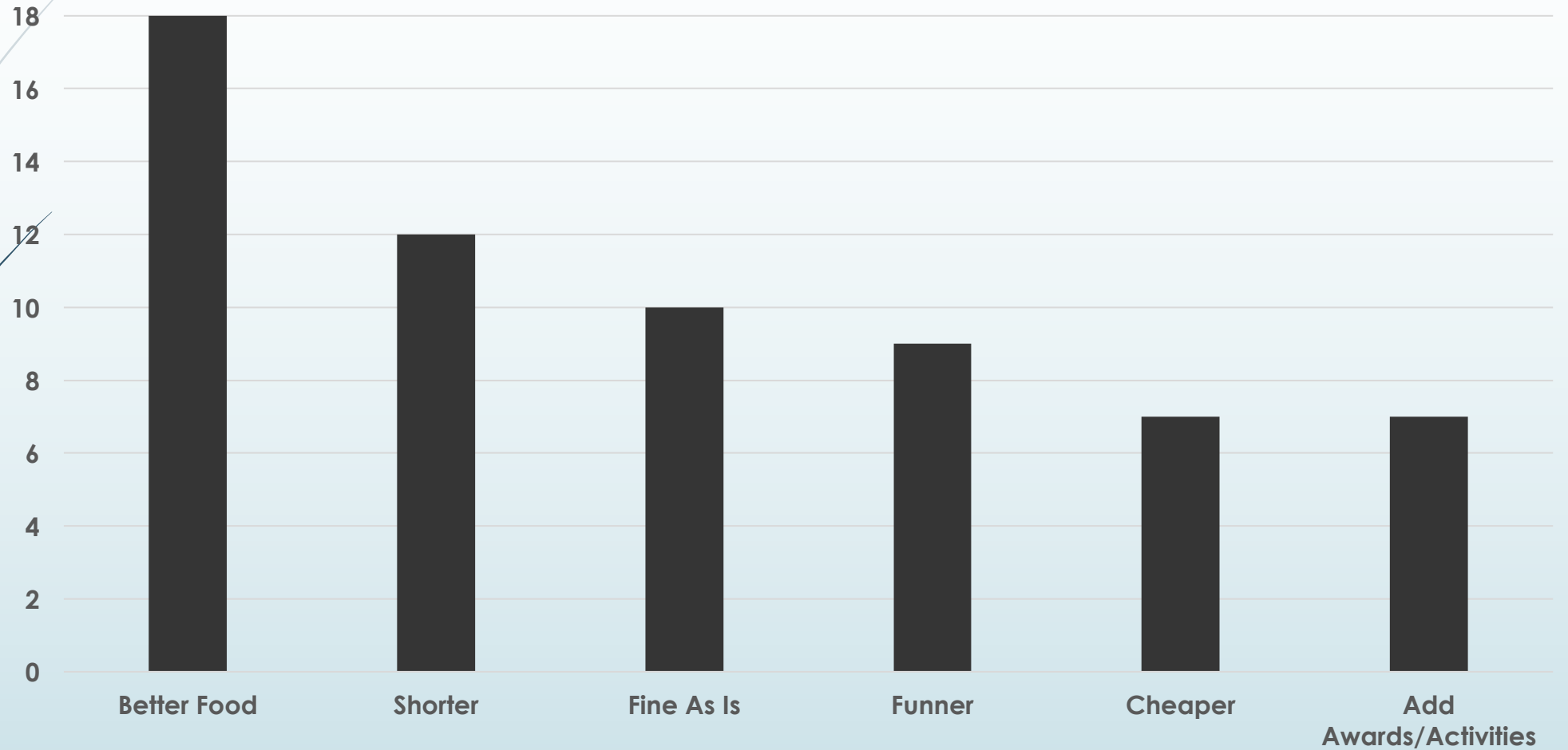
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● Yes  
● No

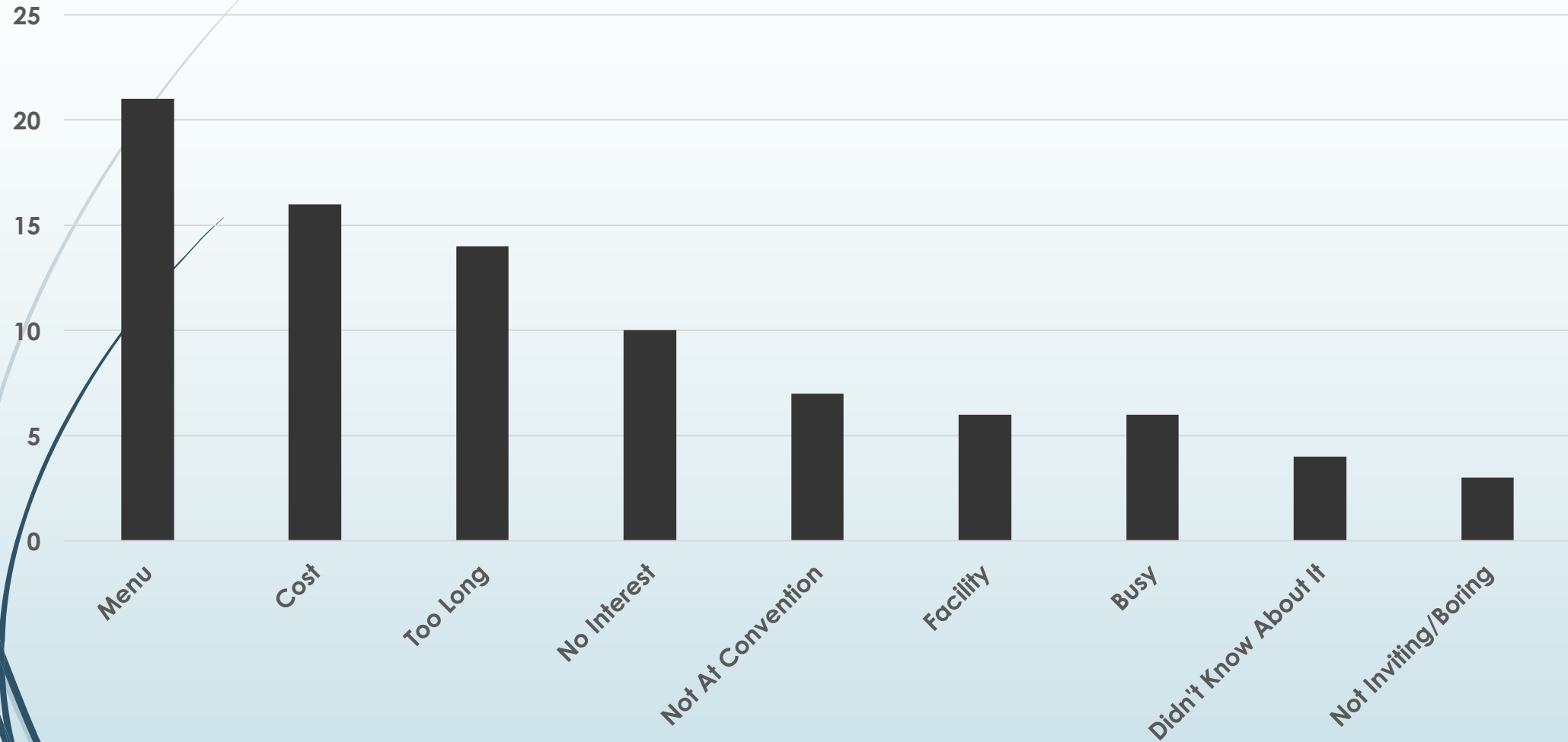
# Survey Results

What improvements could be made to the banquet?



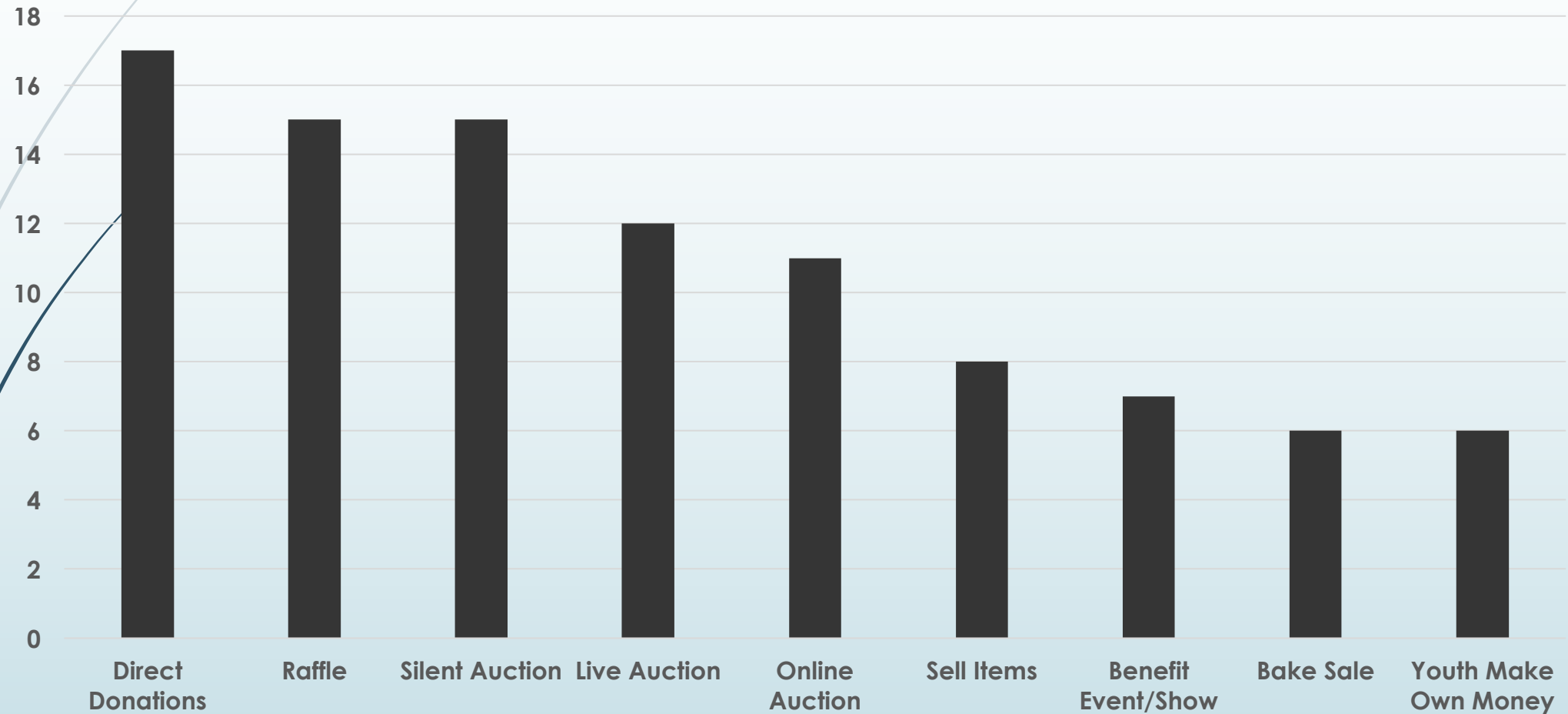
# Survey Results

Why do you not attend the banquet?



# Survey Results

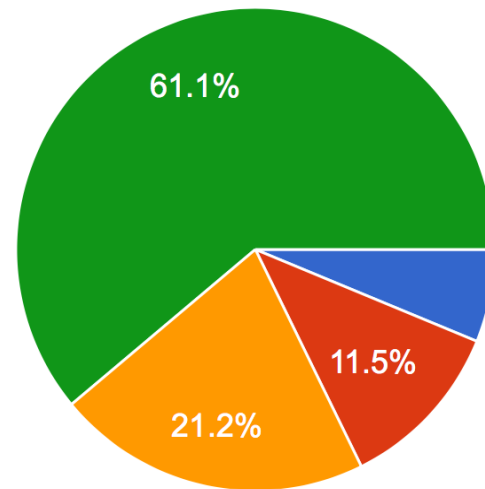
What suggestions do you have for raising funds for our youth scholarships?



# Survey Results Awards

To what extent do you consider the types of awards being awarded for the show when deciding whether or not to attend WSRBA Convention?

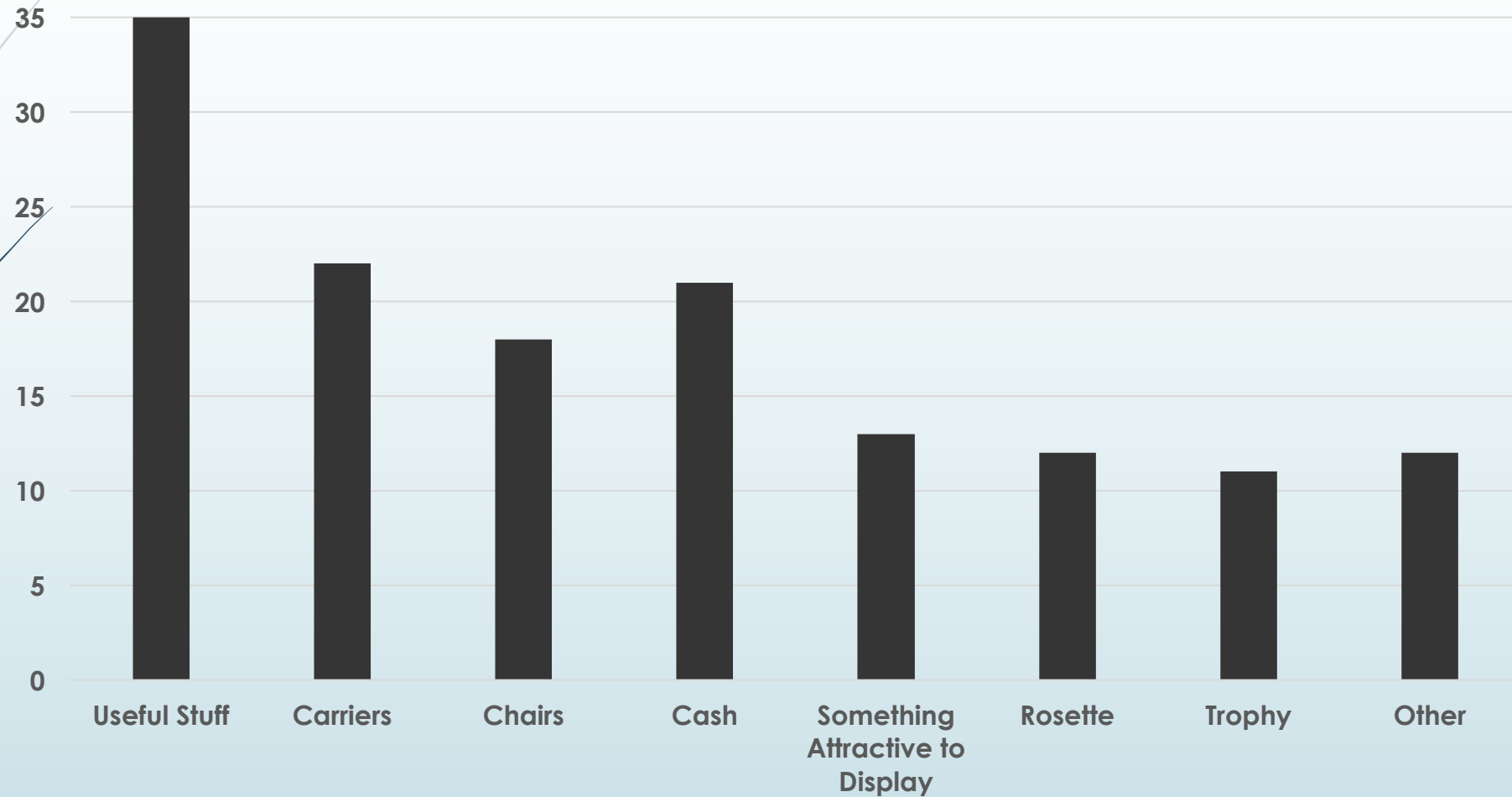
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- I consider them a lot.
- I consider them some.
- I consider them a little.
- I don't consider them at all.

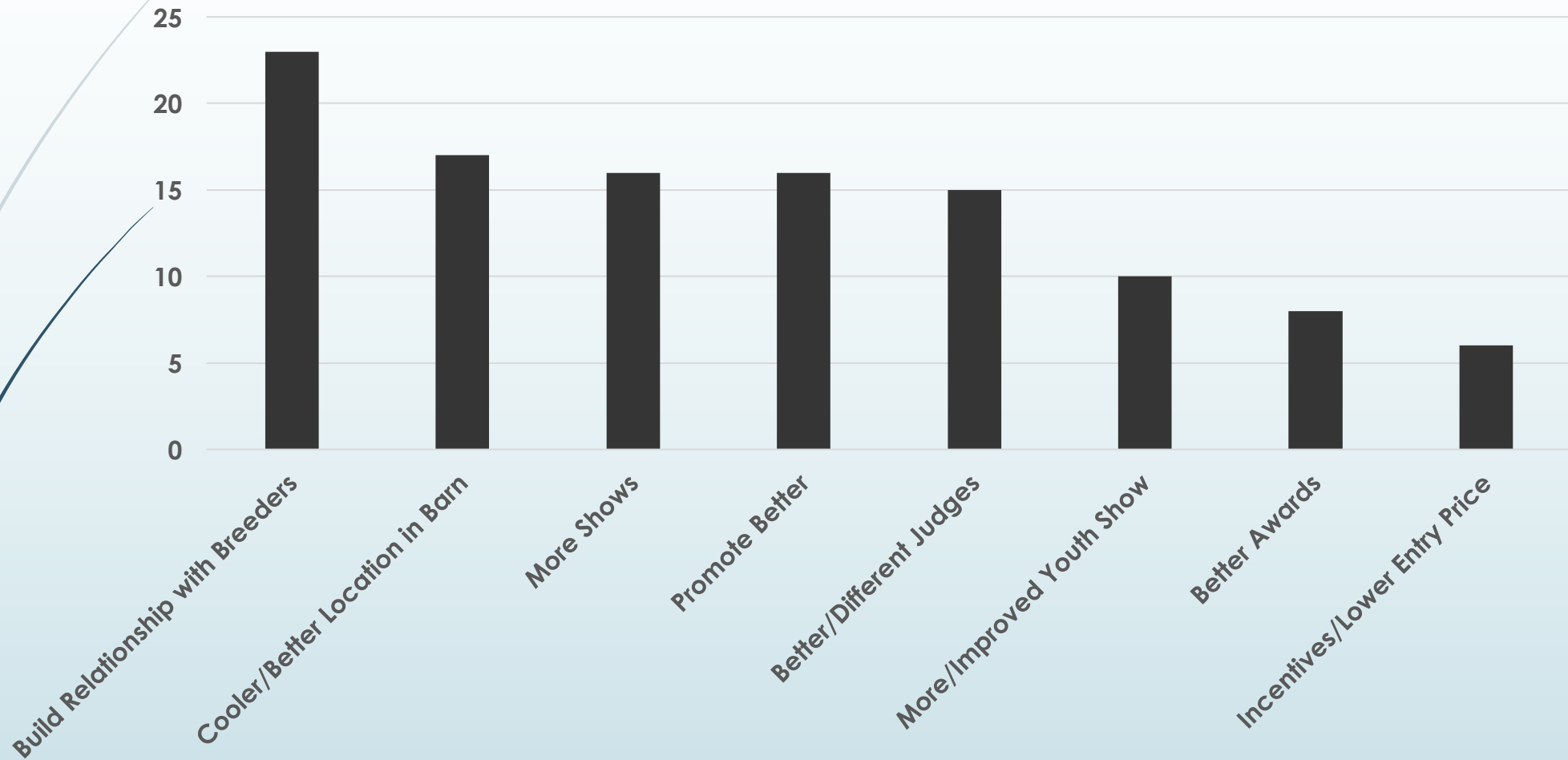
# Survey Results

What ideas do you have for BIS/RIS awards?



# Survey Results

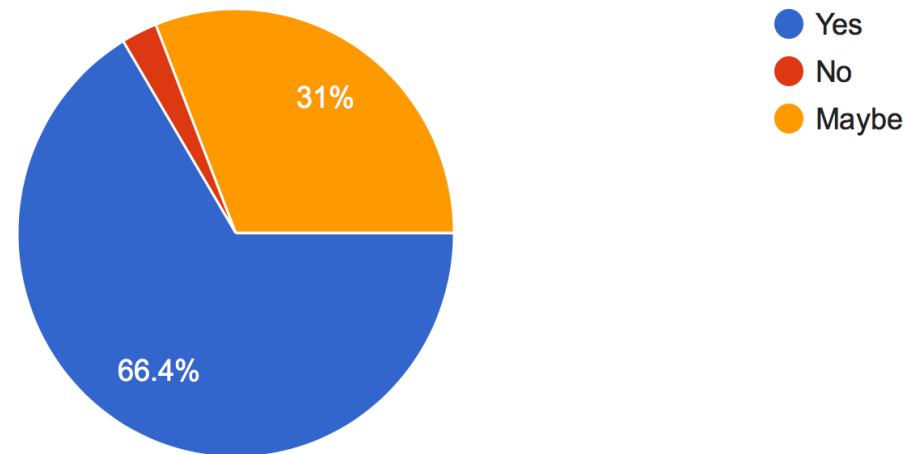
How would you suggest we promote the cavy show(s) and encourage participation?



# Survey Results Volunteers

If you were asked, would you volunteer to help with the shows or other WSRBA Convention events?

113 responses





# Survey Results

Do you have any suggestions on how to encourage volunteer participation?





# Recommendations

- Have more shows!
  - Starting already by having an additional open show on Saturday
  - Suggest that next year when we don't have a judge's conference that we hold specialty shows on Friday night
- Create an information booth at convention to answer questions, have lists of activities, maps(?)
- Create a judges committee that would select judges to hire
  - Make the committee diverse
  - Create a way that members can put in suggestions on judges they would like to have hired for convention.

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# Recommendations

- Cavies

- Encourage support that if the cavy numbers reach a critical mass then hold shows on Sunday.
- If numbers justify, move youth cavy show to Sunday OR
- Hold all cavy shows on Sunday.
- Create a cavy committee.



# Recommendations

- ▶ Volunteers
  - ▶ Response on people who would volunteer was great
  - ▶ Create procedures for putting on the convention where the various tasks are described and then we can recruit volunteers for the specific tasks
  - ▶ Find ways to thank the volunteers!!
  - ▶ Find ways to make exhibitors feel welcome
- ▶ Discuss further the idea of rotating the locations for Convention
  - ▶ This requires preplanning 2-3 years in advance
  - ▶ Since ARBA does this every year they may be a good source of guidance
  - ▶ Try to find space that is climate controlled without dirt floors. Consider cost of such facilities.



# Recommendations

- ▶ Banquet
  - ▶ Need to balance cost and quality of food.
  - ▶ Add option of having a dessert bar for less money after the banquet. So people can come in and watch the awards.
  - ▶ Add fun awards.
  - ▶ Committee to do the planning of the banquet.
- ▶ Create Procedures/Guidelines for the Convention
  - ▶ Organizes and describes all the parts and pieces of putting on the convention
  - ▶ Easier to involve volunteers because will have a specific task defined
  - ▶ Will take pressure off the show committee to be able to recruit more volunteers and spread the work around.

Questions

